

Volunteers of America Homeless Veterans Transitional Treatment Program

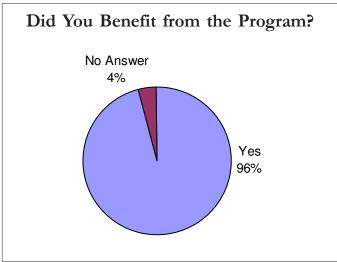
Program Snapshot

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Volunteers of America's Homeless Veterans Transitional Treatment Program is located at the Lexington VA Medical Center, Leestown Road Division in Lexington, Kentucky. It is a licensed, innovative program that provides an intensive, residential therapeutic treatment setting for up to 40 homeless male veterans struggling with addiction and alcoholism. The program educates clients on the disease of addiction and alcoholism along with teaching basic life skills. Clients receive individual and group counseling by certified alcohol and drug counselors. They also attend psycho-educational groups and 12-Step support group meetings. They receive referrals for GED and/or vocational and career development. Additionally, many of the men in the later stages of the program are employed and working toward securing permanent housing of their own. Homeless veterans may live in this program for up to two years and be fully supported as they work their way back to sobriety and economic independence. This program is funded by grants allocated from the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Grant and Per Diem Program.

FY 2008 Outcomes

- 92 veterans were served in FY2008. Nine clients graduated from the program and 36 veterans left with an improved treatment status, which includes a better understanding of how to be self-sufficient. Clients developed sober living arrangements and support systems and scheduled to attend Aftercare Group for a six month period.
- Five percent of the graduates have become employees of the program or are employed with the VA Medical Center.
- 88 percent were employed and/or in school at program exit unless they were receiving disability benefits.



Source: FY2008 Client Satisfaction Survey

Sometimes Satisfied 8% Extremely Satisfied 38%

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